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"America First and America Efficient"

ROBINSON A VOTE WINNER

A campaigner Judge Ira Robinson is surprising even his best friends. His journey through the counties in the southern end of the state last week was perhaps the most successful electioneering trip ever taken in this state when the character of the primary campaign which preceded it is considered. The way in which he has been winning the friends of General Lilly must be especially disconcerting to the Democratic newspapers and Democratic campaign managers whose only hope of success at the polls in November is based upon the assumption that Judge Robinson can not do the anything he is doing.
The Charleston Mail's story of the Republican candidate's visit to the Bluefield fair contained the following passage:
Yesterday afternoon at the fair near Bluefield and later in the town of Bramwell he was continuously surrounded by Republicans of all walks of life. He attended the fair, at which more than 1,000 persons paid admission, together with Col. Dave Lilly, brother of General Abe Lilly, and one of the leading men of Mercer county, and others who were active in the recent primary campaign, some of whom advocated the Robinson candidacy and others that of General Lilly. Col. Dave and the Judge, together with a number of others, had a group picture taken at the fair and during the time the party stood before the camera fully 300 persons looked on and cheered the significant subject of the camera man.

If that is the kind of soreness which the June primaries left in the Republican party all we can say about it is that it reminds us of the story that used to be told about Lincoln and the kind of whiskey Grant drank. Some busybody went to the President and told him that Grant was drinking too much whiskey. Lincoln asked the fellow to find out what brand it was Grant used as he wanted to send a barrel of it to each of the other Union commanders. All the candidates on the Republican ticket could use to great advantage some of the soreness which is making Judge Robinson one of the most popular candidates that ever appealed for the support of his fellow citizens.

THE WAR AND PROSPERITY

THE beneficial effect of the European war upon financial conditions in the United States was made impressive by the announcement a few days ago that the government has now at its treasury in New York City about \$500,000,000 of gold—the largest amount of gold ever brought together in one place in the history of the world. Statisticians estimate that if the war continues one year more it will send back to the United States every stock and bond and evidence of indebtedness held in any other country against the industries and finances of the United States. If that should occur, the United States would be for the first time in its history a creditor nation. These few facts serve to demolish completely the claim of the Democrats that it is not the war that has brought our present prosperity.

That the war will continue indefinitely is indicated by the continued orders for rifles and other munitions. The Midvale Steel Company is making 3,000 rifles per day, and expects by the first of the year to increase the daily output to 7,000. The Westinghouse Electric Company has a contract for 1,800,000 rifles for the Allies and is turning these out as fast as its factories can produce them. The Remington Company has contracts totaling 160,000,000 for rifles to be shipped to England and

France and in order to fill its contracts more rapidly it has invested \$25,000,000 in the extension of its factory, thus furnishing a large market for many American materials and employment for American labor outside of the direct production of the rifles themselves.

This large demand for materials for the production of arms and munitions has served to maintain the price of copper and zinc. J. P. Morgan & Company, acting for the Allies, placed orders for brass during the month of August to the amount of 15,000 tons. What the activity in the copper market means to various communities in the United States is illustrated by the case of Butte, Montana. Although credited with a population of less than 40,000, the mining industry alone affords that town a monthly pay roll of \$2,350,000. This is an average of nearly \$60 per month for every man, woman and child in the town. Of course the population is abnormal now, and many of those on the Butte pay roll live outside of the city limits.

The figures illustrate, however, the enormous effect of war orders upon the industries of towns so situated. Naturally this business is reflected in orders for other commodities not directly used in munition production.

A GREAT MASS MEETING

AFTER all the basis of order and morality in any community is public opinion. Law itself is nothing but defined and established public opinion. Public opinion rules where there are no laws, in the ordinary acceptance of the term, and it rules in spite of them where the laws happen to be bad.

But public opinion is slow to form, and once formed sometimes finds it difficult to express itself. Therefore yesterday's mass meeting of citizens who are indignant over the lack of enforcement of the Yost law, in spite of its apparent lack of actual accomplishment, was successful. The mere fact that it was one of the most representative gatherings held in this city in a long time makes it that. Unless we are very much mistaken a movement will grow out of this gathering which eventually will make anything but the most clandestine enforcement of the laws against the sale of liquor impossible.

This will be the result in spite of the confessed feebleness of city government and the bold assumption of virtue it does not have on the part of a county government which seeks to shift its own responsibility for law enforcement upon the shoulders of individual citizens.

Public opinion is crystallizing in this community and it is going to force the proper officers to enforce the law in spite of the weakness of some and the unwillingness of others. Something definite may be expected to result from next Sunday afternoon's meeting.

STATE RIGHTS

ONE day last week the New York Sun complained that no attention is being paid to the fact that in the past three years—during which time the Democrats have been in power in Washington—"national legislation has abandoned by its general intent and specific enactments the last remnant of state rights."

The West Virginian, for one, has observed this tendency, and we commented on it briefly at the time Congress passed the Child Labor law. Doubtless others have noticed it. It is a matter fraught with such important possibilities that it is absurd to assume that it has escaped widespread attention. The fact that the Democratic party at a time when representatives from southern states in House and Senate control the machinery of those two bodies should turn squarely against state rights does not indicate that state rights have been eliminated either as a political issue or as a principle of our government, as the Sun seems to think. Far from it.

Soon or late there is bound to be another struggle for control between the advocates of government centralized at Washington and those who believe, like a majority of the founders of the nation, that the states should retain their full sovereignty. There is every prospect, therefore, that in the not very distant future state rights will be as much a live political issue as they were immediately before the Civil war.

This time, however, the debate will not be sectional and it is likely to disturb the balance of power in both old political parties. One of the possible effects is a split in the solid south. This would remove one of the most harmful of the political effects of the great conflict between the states, for with the solid south broken both the Republican and Democratic parties would again become truly national in scope and feeling. That would help in many ways to broaden them and make them more efficient agencies of government in this republic.

ADMITTED INCOMPETENCY

NEVER was there a clearer or stronger indictment for incompetency on the part of public officials than that drawn against Mayor Bowen and Prosecuting Attorney Haggerty at the meeting held in the M. P. Temple yesterday afternoon for the purpose of urging the authorities of the city and county to prevent bootlegging in this community. The evidence presented to sustain the charges was so overwhelming that they both would have been held guilty before any tribunal capable of weighing facts and interpreting law in a thoroughly impartial manner. They were so held by their fellow citizens who heard the testimony yesterday.

To the credit of Mayor Bowen be it said that he made no defense, but contented himself with a protest against being criticized by the public, admitting at the same time that illegal selling of liquor is going on, and that he can not stop it. The Prosecuting Attorney also admitted that he knew illegal selling is taking place daily within a short distance of the court house, but he tried to defend himself against the charge of failing to do his duty by a bold but unsuccessful effort to shift the responsibility for the enforcement of the law upon the shoulders of the public. When he was reminded that people pay the county officials to do that very thing he too pleaded that he is unable to cope with the situation.

SHORT AND SNAPPY.

You can always be sure of one thing about the average man in any walk of life, and that is that he wants more money.—Wheeling News.

Referring to the suggestion of Ohio that editors be licensed, the Philadelphia Inquirer declares that Ohio editors have too much license already.—Wheeling Register.

Some people exceed the speed limit in riding their hobbies.—Wetzel Democrat.

OUTBURSTS OF EVERETT TRUE
(BY CONDO.)



RUFF STUFF
BY RED.

"Many attend meeting to hear discussion on bootlegging situation." The above was printed in the morning paper today and immediately Walter Haggerty and Revenue Collector Blocher left the city.

They were the only two here who knew about the B. L. situation, which they refused to bother.

A fool there was— And he started a mine horror scare. For which he should have been decapitated.

Or forced to eat black damp three times daily.

Sam Polino doesn't know whether it's a crime to work on Sunday or a crime not to.

So he neglects Locust avenue altogether.

Which is a good thing to do unless armed with flashlights to find his way over the bumps.

Alas poor Villa, we knew him well.

So well that we knew it wouldn't be long before he attacked some burg and for the pastime kill a few innocents.

As he did at Columbus a few days prior to the punitive expedition that punished not.

Also a few days prior to the calling of the Second regiment to Kanawha City where it dies.

As Major Samuel D. Brady who is in charge of building the Monongahela railway says, "I never know when the road is to be built until I read The Times."

And then it is denied higher up.

The truth about railroad building can sometimes be got from the men who own the roads but seldom from waiting room janitors.

This guy von Mackensen must be some driver. In fact he ought to beat Chick Evans.

Daisy Carr, the victim of a powder throwing scheme to steal her money, sleeps beautifully with her eyes wide open.

And dreams dreadfully.

"Six killed when train strikes auto." Regular Monday morning lesson.

When a city official told a Jackson street woman that he could not clean out the bootleggers until after election, that his hands were tied until then he summed up the entire bootlegger situation.

Editorial Comment
on Current Subjects

THE ISSUE—THE AUCTION BLOCK. From the Huntington Herald-Dispatch.

While the Democrats have been active and variable in their efforts to define the "issue" in West Virginia, the issue seems to be pretty well made up, as far as the Republicans are concerned. As the case stands at present, and as it must necessarily continue to the end, the Republican party will be placed in the position to defending the constructive record which means so much to the people of the state and their institutions, while protesting against a political condition which will mean, in its practical effect, the destruction of all political integrity.

Unconsciously the Democrats have established the issue. It is neither Federalism nor extravagance, however, but something harder to define. It means that an alliance has been formed between the Democratic leaders, led by ex-Senator Watson, and an



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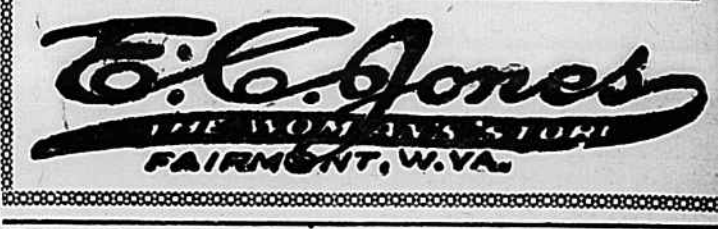
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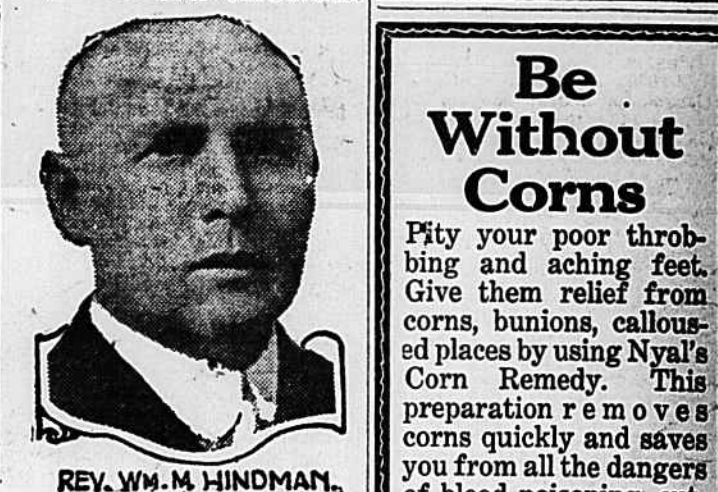
We've Been Showing and Selling Women's and Misses' New Fall Suits for Some Weeks Past

Our visitors surely must have liked them—judging from their enthusiastic comments. Whole chapters might be written of the new styles—and it would be fascinating reading—about the wide diversity of styles, the long close-fitting tendency of coats, the smartly pleated and gathered skirts, the wonderful cape-like collars, etc. But to see them is better. All the good materials and best colors are here.

Prices begin at \$15 and range from that price to \$19.50, \$25 and up to \$50.



SPOONERS WELCOME IN HIS CHURCH!



REV. WM. M. HINDMAN.
Sweethearts in Columbus, O., have found a quiet, safe place to spoon without interruption, in the Sunday school rooms of Rev. Hindman's Presbyterian church. Hindman welcomes lovers into his spooning parlors and guarantees them absolute privacy.

Returned from Wedding.
Miss Georgia Torrey returned yesterday from a several weeks' trip to Denver, Col., Chicago and Sterling, Ill. At the latter place she attended the marriage of her brother, Fred Torrey, and Miss Mabel Landon which was solemnized September 7th.

Be Without Corns

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